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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: SRI LANKA DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INDIAN  
OCEAN PEACE ZONE

EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF SRI LANKA DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF  
NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES MEETING IN COLOMBO FROM 9 TO 19  
AUGUST 1976.

RECALLING THAT THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A ZONE OF  
PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, INITIATED AT THE THIRD CONF-  
ERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF NON-ALIGNED  
COUNTRIES IN LUSAKA AND FURTHER DEVELOPED AT THE FOURTH  
CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF NON-ALIGNED  
COUNTRIES IN ALGIERS AND BY THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN  
MINISTERS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN LIMA, INVOKES AND  
UPHOLDS THE CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF NON-ALIGNMENT INCLUDING  
TRUE INDEPENDENCE AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND IS FULLY  
CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

REAFFIRMING UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION  
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2932 (XXVI) DECLARING THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR ALL TIME A

ZONE OF PEACE, AS WELL AS RESOLUTIONS 2992 (XXVII),  
3080 (XXVIII), 3259 (XXIX) AND 3468 (XXX);

CONSCIOUS OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE LITTORAL AND  
HINTERLAND STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TO PRESERVE THEIR  
INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY  
UNDER CONDITIONS OF PEACE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY  
MEANS OF A SYSTEM OF UNIVERSAL COLLECTIVE SECURITY WITH-  
OUT MILITARY ALLIANCES;

NOTING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF  
THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE IS INTENDED TO  
PRESERVE UNAFFECTED THE RIGHT TO FREE AND UNIMPEDED USE  
OF THE ZONE BY THE VESSELS OF ALL NATIONS, SUBJECT ONLY  
TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF THE ZONE BY WARSHIPS  
AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR ANY THREAT OF USE OF FORCE  
AGAINST SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPEN-  
DENCE OF ANY LITTORAL OR HINTERLAND STATE OF THE  
INDIAN OCEAN IS A CONTRAVENTION OF THE PURPOSES AND  
PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS; (NOTE:  
ORIGINAL ALSO CONFUSING.)

CONVINCED THAT THE ESCALATION AND EXPANSION OF GREAT  
POWER MILITARY AND NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN,  
IN THE FORM OF BASES, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND  
LOGISTICAL SUPPLY FACILITIES AND THE DISPOSITION OF  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, CON-  
STITUTE A REAL THREAT NOT ONLY TO THE PEACE, FREEDOM,  
SECURITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE LITTORAL AND  
HINTERLAND STATES BUT ALSO TO WORLD PEACE IN GENERAL;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT WITH THE HISTORIC VICTORY OF  
THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN INDO-CHINA, SOUTH ASIA  
COULD REPLACE SOUTH EAST ASIA AS THE CENTRE OF GREAT  
POWER CONFRONTATION IN ASIA AND THAT, CONSEQUENTLY,  
TENSION AND CONFLICTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN COULD BE  
INTENSIFIED THROUGH AN INCREASED STRUGGLE FOR NAVAL  
SUPREMACY BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS;

1. NOTES THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS EMERGED  
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AMONG THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES OF THE

INDIAN OCEAN AND AMONG NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ON THE  
CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN IN TERMS  
OF UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3259  
(XXIX) AND RESOLUTION 3468 (XXX), WITH A VIEW TO IM-  
PLEMENTING THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS

A ZONE OF PEACE;

2. REGRETS THAT DESPITE REPEATED INVITATIONS, CERTAIN GREAT POWERS AS WELL AS CERTAIN MAJOR MARITIME POWERS HAVE NOT CO-OPERATED WITH THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO REALIZE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION;

3. STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF MILITARY BASES SUCH AS DIEGO GARCIA AND THE ESCALATION OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES;

4. CALLS ON THE GREAT POWERS TO DESIST FROM ANY ACTIV-

ITY THAT WOULD OBSTRUCT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE; TO HALT THE SENSELESS ESCALATION OF THEIR MILITARY RIVALRY; TO REMOVE THEIR MILITARY AND NAVAL BASES, FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN; AND TO CEASE DEPLOYING NUCLEAR AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN THE AREA;

5. DECIDES TO PURSUE CONCERNED ACTION IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES AND THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE AND SPECIFICALLY, AS A FIRST STEP, THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN.

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